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To Whom It May Concern:

A pardon request involving two of my constituents, Edwin A. North and Danny A. Levitz, has recently been brought to my attention. Mr. North is a decorated Vietnam veteran.

In 1980, both Mr. North and Mr. Levitz were prosecuted on conspiracy and firearms charges for their involvement in trading a souvenir .45 caliber M3A that Mr. North had shipped home to Indiana from Vietnam in the early 1970s. Both freely acknowledged their conduct, pled guilty, and were sentenced to probation. As a consequence of their crimes, both men also lost their firearms rights.

In their pardon request, Mr. North and Mr. Levitz are seeking the restoration of these rights so that they may again be able to hunt with their families, as both were avid hunters in their early lives. I think it is noteworthy that the U.S. District Court Judge who heard their case is on record stating that the charges against Mr. North should have been dismissed. Moreover, the Assistant U.S. Attorney who prosecuted the men, David Miller, has stated that he has no objection to the restoration of their firearms rights.

In my opinion, Mr. North and Mr. Levitz's request seems reasonable, especially given the more than 30 years that has passed and the other unique circumstances of the case. I ask that it be given the full attention it deserves.

Thank you very much for your consideration of their request. If you have any questions, please direct them to Brett Swearingen of my staff at (202) 225-4436.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Souder
Member of Congress

Enclosure

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The Honorable Mark E. Souder
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Souder:

Thank you for your letter of December 18, 2008, concerning the applications for presidential pardon filed by your constituents Edwin A. North and Danny A. Levitz.

Both pardon applications are currently under review. The applications will receive careful consideration and Mr. North and Mr. Levitz will be notified promptly when final action has been taken.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Rodgers".

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney